

Analysis of FY 2004 Park Base Increases



"We manage properties that have practical and pragmatic value. More than that, we manage touchstones of inspiration and information...Parks speak to inner strengths and eternal truths."

Fran Mainella, Director of the National Park Service

Overview

The mission of the NPS is to protect resources while providing for enjoyable and safe visitor experiences. This mission is achieved through the efforts of each of the 388 park units and enabled by each park's operating base funding. This base funding is under the direct control of the park superintendent, who operates the park within the broad policy guidance of the NPS Director and in conformance with authorizing legislation in order to achieve the park's core mission responsibilities. From preserving monuments and memorials such as Independence National Historical Park to maintaining the magnificence and peace found at Redwood National Park, the foundation of the NPS lies with the parks themselves. Parks such as Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site and Flight 93 National Memorial are places where people come to remember and honor the efforts of past and current generations. The National Park Service is dedicated to maintaining the safety and integrity of these locations, and is committed to offering strength and inspiration. Park base funding, by enabling these efforts, is the source that has the most direct impact on the park visitor, the park employee, and the resources entrusted to our care. In FY 2004, the highest operational priorities include strengthening park maintenance, protecting visitors and resources from growing threats to health and safety, and funding new responsibilities for additional sites, facilities and lands. Special emphasis has been given to providing sufficient law enforcement and resource protection capability at parks along the international borders.

Park Proposals

The budget request for FY 2004, within the Operation of the National Park System appropriation, includes proposals for park base increases in three categories totaling \$14.2 million. A summary of the parks represented in the categories may be found on page ONPS-95.

- Park Base – Facility Maintenance: +\$7.775 million
- Park Base – Other Operations: +\$3.951 million
- Park Base – Border Parks: +\$2.450 million

The specific increases represented in the request for FY 2004 were drawn from the NPS Operations Formulation System (OFS) Database. This system operates interactively on the NPS Intranet. Use of OFS has improved and clarified the process for identifying and evaluating budget requests throughout the federal budget submission process. While most of the increases follow regional priorities, some address activities, such as law enforcement and park maintenance, identified as high priorities by NPS, the Department and The Office of Management and Budget. Consideration was given to parks that could demonstrate performance results in accordance with National Park Service strategic plan goals. A detailed explanation of the current budget formulation and priority setting processes of the NPS for park operational increases is provided in the Management Reform section of the Budget Overview. Future enhancements to these processes are also discussed.

Park Base Request by Proposal

Increase Proposal	Operations and Maintenance	Border Parks	Totals
Number of Requests	47	7	54
NPS Sites Represented	46	7	53
Total Amount Requested (\$000)	\$11,726	\$2,450	\$14,176
Average Request (\$000)	\$249	\$350	\$263

After the events of September 11, 2001, the nation renewed its efforts to protect its citizens and secure its borders. Unfortunately, greater vigilance along borders outside of the parks has resulted in considerable

increases in the traffic of undocumented aliens and drug smuggling within NPS border parks. Although NPS is not responsible for border security, this traffic threatens the safety of resources, visitors and park employees.



Resource damage at Organ Pipe NM

and piles of human waste and garbage left at illegal campsites. Visitor enjoyment and safety is immediately and undeniably diminished by such effects.

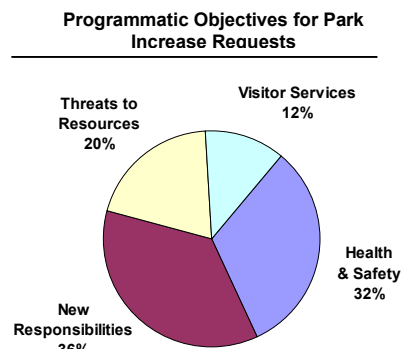
Because of the limited law enforcement staff available in parks, rangers must often travel alone through remote areas, potentially apprehending heavily armed smugglers who are aware of the unlikelihood of backup or air support. Big Bend National Park covers over 800,000 acres of land along 245 miles (13%) of the U.S. – Mexico border but has minimal staff for field patrols. Amistad National Recreation Area patrols 83 miles of Mexican border and cannot take full advantage of joint efforts with the U.S. Border Patrol due to lack of staff. The 312,000 acres of Sonoran Desert Wilderness in Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument suffer long-term adverse effects in the form of miles of illegal trails and roads formed by smugglers, the cutting of trees for fuel,

The 2004 funding requests reflect efforts to alleviate these problems, as well as to protect visitors and resources at several non-border parks. Additional funding is requested for a variety of operational needs, from maintenance of historic structures and archeological sites at Mount Rainier National Park to funding new operations at Acadia National Park's Schoodic Peninsula, acquired from the U.S. Navy in July 2002.

Programmatic Objectives

The 2004 proposals reflect four broad programmatic objectives, as identified in OFS.

New Responsibilities: An amount of \$5.1 million, or 36 percent of the total request for park increases, would be directed toward parks with new responsibilities. The 2004 requests primarily impact new responsibilities resulting from increased workload, improving recreational activities or the addition of new facilities. For example, planning, operations, and management are needed for the newly designated Flight 93 National Memorial in Somerset County, PA, which honors the memory of the passengers who died trying to combat the terrorist-led hijacking of the plane on September 11, 2001. Start-up funding is also requested for site management at Ronald Reagan's boyhood home in Dixon, IL and for three additional sites: Governor's Island National Monument in New York, Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historical Park in Virginia, and Nicodemus National Historic Site in Kansas. Important maintenance requirements will be addressed with the funding for Governor's Island National Monument.



Health and Safety Issues: A total of \$4.6 million in funding would be directed toward improving health and safety conditions at parks, including border parks. These improvements account for 32 percent of total park increases. The NPS is seeking funding to address physical security issues and to improve compliance with existing standards. Funding is also requested for preventive and corrective maintenance programs at parks with deteriorating facilities and assets, as part of the President's maintenance initiative. For example, NPS is requesting funds for improved winter road and trail maintenance, avalanche control, and emergency rescue capabilities needed at Yellowstone National Park due to increased winter-season visitation. Big Bend National Park, Amistad National Recreational Area and other border park requests will help fund additional law enforcement staff needed for safer and more comprehensive patrols.

Threats to Resources: A total of \$2.8 million or 20 percent of the total amount requested for park increases is to address threats to resources. Several of these threats result from illegal traffic through

border parks. For example, Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument's Sonoran Desert Wilderness resources cover 312,000 acres; roughly one-third of that area has already been adversely impacted by the illegal roads and trails that have been created by smugglers as well as by the refuse they leave behind. One non-border example is the NPS effort to mitigate human-caused shore erosion at Assateague Island National Seashore. Funding used to address these threats allows the parks to maintain and protect the parks' increasingly threatened cultural and natural resources for the enjoyment of current and future visitors. Critical increases to establish preventive maintenance programs are requested at parks such as Lincoln Home National Historical Site, Great Smoky Mountains National Park, and Glacier Bay National Preserve. These increases also support the Presidential initiative for facility maintenance.

Visitor Services: The remaining \$1.7 million, or 12 percent, of the request represents proposals to implement or improve visitor services. Special events and increases in park visitation drive the 2004 requests. For example, Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial in Ohio will support its new visitor center with the visitor services necessary for a clean, safe environment. At Yellowstone National Park, where winter visitation has increased to over 76,000 visitors annually, educational and recreational activities will be supported by a 75 percent increase in interpretive programs. The 2004 funding will help these parks to provide the education and services necessary for visitors to have rewarding recreational opportunities.

FY 2004 Proposed Park Base Increases (\$000)

Park Base – Operations and Maintenance			
Acadia NP	435	Haleakala NP	145
American Memorial Park	314	Horseshoe Bend NMP	190
Andrew Johnson NHS	203	Jefferson N. Expansion Mem	105
Antietam NB	360	Katmai NP&Pres	139
Assateague Island NS	100	Kenai Fjords NP	313
Blue Ridge Parkway	274	Klondike Gold Rush NHP	90
Cape Hatteras NS (Wright Brothers Nat. Mem)	590	Lincoln Home NHS	300
Cedar Creek and Belle Grove NHP	100	Lyndon B. Johnson NHP	188
Chicasaw NRA	252	Mississippi NR&RA	95
Colonial NHP	187	Mount Rainier NP	160
Effigy Mounds NM	160	National Capital Parks – East	484
Federal Hall National Memorial	225	New River Gorge NR	225
Flight 93 National Memorial	200	Nicodemus NHS	96
Fort Donelson NB	175	Perry's Victory & Int'l Peace Mem	156
Fort McHenry NM & Hist Shrine	90	President's Park	283
Gateway NRA	81	Ronald Reagan Boyhood NHS	83
George Washington Memorial Parkway	325	Santa Monica Mountains NRA	500
Glacier Bay NP and Preserve	265	St. Croix Island International Hist. Site	143
Glacier NP	500	Ulysses S. Grant NHS	225
Governor's Island NM	1,100	USS Arizona Memorial	350
Grand Teton NP	300	War in the Pacific NHP	120
Great Smoky Mountains NP	200	Wind Cave NP	230
Hagerman Fossil Beds NM	170	Yellowstone NP	500
Subtotal, Operations			11,726
Park Base - Border Parks			
Amistad NRA	400	Organ Pipe Cactus NM	900
Big Bend NP	300	Padre Island NS	300
Chamizal National Memorial	100	Palo Alto Battlefield NHS	100
North Cascades NP	350		
Subtotal, Border Parks			2,450
Total, Park Base			14,176

FY 2004 Park Increase Requests

For FY 2004, the National Park Service is proposing the following specific park operational increases. Unless otherwise noted, all increases are part of the Park Base-Operations proposal. Parks are listed alphabetically by park name.

Acadia National Park; Maine

\$435,000 to Provide Initial Operations for Newly Acquired Schoodic Navy Base

Funding is requested to expand maintenance and law enforcement operations for newly acquired lands. In July 2002 the 100-acre Navy base within Acadia National Park at Schoodic Point reverted to the NPS when it was decommissioned. The campus-like base contains 58 buildings totaling 178,000-sq. ft., including two buildings that are eligible for the National Register. The NPS assumed responsibility for maintaining and operating retained facilities and utilities, including roads, grounds, buildings, a telecommunication system, a wastewater treatment facility, and a potable water system. Planning is underway for NPS reuse of the base. In addition to providing basic protection and maintenance of the site, the NPS will restore resources, provide visitor services, and establish a Learning Center to advance park-related science and scholarship. This request would provide initial maintenance and law enforcement services for the area.



Acadia National Park

American Memorial Park; Saipan

\$314,000 to Establish Park Law Enforcement Program to Protect Memorials

Funding is requested to establish a law enforcement program. The park is the only location on the island that can handle huge crowds. Three to four hundred special use permits are issued each year, including 10 to 20 permits for island wide festivals and ceremonies where attendance ranges from 10,000 to 20,000. Requests and pressures for use of the park for festivals and ceremonies are increasing. In November 2000, the park conducted a law enforcement needs assessment. Funding would allow the park to fully staff and manage a multi-shift protection program according to this assessment to protect visitors and park resources, while providing greater access to the park.

Amistad National Recreation Area; Texas (Border Park)

\$400,000 to Reinforce Law Enforcement Operations Along International Border with Mexico

Funding is requested to enhance law enforcement operations. Amistad NRA has a 83-mile long international border with Mexico. On the southeast end of that border is Amistad Dam, which is managed by the International Boundary and Water Commission (IBWC). A road and associated port of entry is maintained on the top of the dam. IBWC has no law enforcement authority and relies on security guards, local sheriff's deputies and NPS rangers to patrol the dam, associated facilities, and local area. Funding would be used to increase patrol of the dam and the border, to deter illegal immigration and drug trafficking activities and to protect park resources. Funding would also be used to coordinate activities with other federal agencies, including the Border Patrol, Customs Service and the DEA.

Andrew Johnson National Historic Site; Tennessee**\$203,000 to Improve Visitor Safety and Maintenance**

Funding is requested to improve maintenance for the site's active National Cemetery and 17 historic structures and to sustain visitor services. Increased utility and supply costs have eroded the park's resources and ability to sustain maintenance and visitor services operations. This funding will be used to maintain the historical buildings, the cultural landscape and the cemetery. Funding will also be used to provide daily tours of the president's home, ensure that the visitor center is open 362 days annually and expand resource patrols. This request will ensure visitor access to the visitor center and presidential home and will allow routine maintenance of the park's resources and facilities, increasing visitor satisfaction.

Antietam National Battlefield; Maryland**\$360,000 to Provide Law Enforcement and Maintenance on New Lands**

Funding is requested to increase law enforcement patrols and maintenance of the battlefield. The battlefield has experienced a 300 percent increase in visitation and a 35 percent increase in land acquisition since 1996. Funding would help provide full protection of visitors, staff, and park resources by increasing the number of patrols, enabling law enforcement officers to patrol with a partner and provide backup assistance in emergency situations. Funding would also be used to provide preventive and routine maintenance.

Assateague Island National Seashore; Maryland and Virginia**\$100,000 to Monitor Erosion Mitigation Efforts**

Funding is requested to provide oversight and monitoring of efforts to prevent the further destruction of Assateague Island National Seashore from human-caused shore erosion. Unnatural erosion and accelerated shore migration has been occurring on northern Assateague since the 1930's when jetties were constructed at the adjacent Ocean City Inlet, halting the natural movement of sand to the Island. Between 1933 and present, the Island has lost 6 million cubic meters of sand and eroded more than 400 meters. Coastal geologists predict that northern Assateague will destabilize and fragment if action is not taken immediately. A new inlet or inlets would also have serious implications for the adjacent mainland communities and region as whole, including increased rates of shore erosion, and loss of estuarine habitats. In 2003, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will begin an annual "sand by-passing" program to transport 145,000 cubic meters of sand from in and around the inlet (where it is being trapped) downstream to Assateague, and thereby re-establish a "natural" sediment supply for the Island. The project will mitigate ongoing and future impacts of the jetties on the Island and restore/protect approximately 900 acres of Island habitat. The existing Interagency Agreement between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and National Park Service for the project commits each agency to fund one-half of the annual project cost. The NPS portion of the actual project will be funded by recreation fees; however operational funding is needed to provide monitoring of the project and liaison with the Corps and other partners.

Big Bend National Park; Texas (Border Park)**\$300,000 to Strengthen Law Enforcement Presence On International Border**

Funding is requested to expand law enforcement operations. Smuggling of drugs, weapons, people, and other contraband tied to terrorism is common within the park, which has a 245-mile border with Mexico. The park is experiencing increased illegal activity because other area law enforcement agencies have augmented their interdiction programs. The smuggling organizations are well aware of, and are taking advantage of, the low numbers of law enforcement staff available in the park. Funding will be used to increase law enforcement presence and dispatch capabilities to deter illegal activities along the international border, enhancing protection of park visitors, employees and resources.

Blue Ridge Parkway; North Carolina and Virginia**\$274,000 to Provide Operational Support for Added Visitor Facilities**

Funding is requested to support and maintain new facilities. Of immediate concern are the Blue Ridge Music Center at Fishers Peak in Virginia and the Blue Ridge Interpretive Center and associated motor-road near Roanoke, Virginia. Additionally, five new visitor contact stations and a number of other facilities were incorporated into the Parkway since 1980. This increase is requested to adequately maintain the myriad of park structures and prevent resource deterioration.

Cape Hatteras National Seashore, Fort Raleigh National Historic Site, and Wright Brothers National Memorial; North Carolina**\$590,000 to Expand Operations for First Flight Celebration at Wright Brothers NMem**

The Centennial of the first powered flight achieved by Wilbur and Orville Wright on the sand flats of Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, will occur on December 17, 2003. Plans are underway to recognize this historic event through a series of activities on the site of the first flight, beginning on December 17, 2002 and culminating in a weeklong celebration December 13-17, 2003. National and international interest in this event is expected to result in increased visitation to the site. This request would provide expanded and enhanced interpretation, protection and maintenance services at Wright Brothers National Memorial to handle the increased visitation and special events. Visitors to the site would have a safer, more enjoyable visit, and gain a better understanding of the event that changed the world forever.



Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historical Park

Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historical Park; Virginia**\$100,000 to Establish Operation of a New Area**

Funding is requested for start-up operations at the new National Park Service unit at Cedar Creek. Funding would be used for start-up of interpretation, maintenance, and protection at park. This funding would also allow the National Park Service to engage in cooperative efforts and continue partnerships throughout the valley that help protect and interpret the historic battlefields. In addition, funds previously provided to Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Historical Park will be transferred to

the new unit to provide administrative and oversight support to the Valley's nineteen-member commission.

Chamizal National Memorial; Texas (Border Park)**\$100,000 to Meet Operational Law Enforcement Needs**

Funding is requested to support visitor and resource protection operations. Memorial grounds are officially open 18 hours each day, every day of the year, but in actuality the grounds allow for unrestricted access. Located immediately adjacent to the international boundary with Mexico, the grounds are used by undocumented immigrants to illegally cross into the United States. Recently drug traffickers have started mixing in with these immigrants and have been using the grounds and underground storm sewer tunnels to engage in such illegal activities as carrying drugs into the U.S. and then smuggling guns and stolen automobiles into Mexico. Funding would be used to expand patrol operations to deter illegal activities and to more effectively protect people and property. This request will improve the safety of visitors and staff.

Chickasaw National Recreation Area; Oklahoma**\$252,000 to Maintain Historic Structures, Trails and Roads**

Funding is requested to broaden the upkeep and preservation of trails, roads, picnic areas and pavilions, and other structures in the heavily visited Platt District, a designed cultural landscape. The landscape and features are rapidly deteriorating due to heavy visitor use, vandalism, erosion, and weathering causes such as freeze-thaw, wind, and UV rays. Funding would be used to conserve these features by maintaining 205 structures on the List of Classified Structures, resurfacing and repairing washes and erosion on trails, maintaining trail bridges, and repairing asphalt surfaces. As a result, the health, safety and satisfaction of over 1.6 million annual visitors would be improved. The recreational structures and features would be better maintained and more visually appealing.

Colonial National Historical Park; Virginia**\$187,000 to Enhance Partnership and Planning Programs**

Funding is requested to support planning and programs with partners at Jamestown and Yorktown. The National Park Service is participating in planning efforts currently underway to observe the 400th Anniversary at Jamestown and the 225th Anniversary at Yorktown in 2006 and 2007. Planned commemorations will include special events and programs for national and international audiences, and will be developed and presented with an emphasis on partnerships. The NPS has joined with multiple private, non-profit organizations and foundations for planning the separate event anniversaries. In addition, the National Park Service is working with the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities on the development of a visitor center on Jamestown Island, joint interpretive plans, new curatorial plan, etc. Funding would provide for NPS participation in the planning and management of the activities for the two anniversaries.

Effigy Mounds National Monument; Iowa**\$160,000 to Maintain and Interpret New Lands**

On December 15, 2000, Effigy Mounds' land base increased by 1,045 acres (a 70% increase) requiring additional preservation, maintenance and visitor education. This land includes 4 known Native American burial mounds, approximately 18 habitation sites associated with 12 American Indian tribes, and an archeological site of an 1830's U.S. Army sawmill and other historic sites. The land also includes habitat for Federal and State listed endangered species and natural features of a river valley ecosystem. Funding would be used to inventory, survey, and stabilize critical resources; develop and maintain safe access points and trails for 80,000 visitors; and expand interpretive hikes.

Federal Hall National Memorial; New York**\$225,000 to Provide Enhanced Building Security**

Funding is requested to provide enhanced security. Federal Hall is located within a block of the NY Stock Exchange and several other 'sensitive' structures (e.g., international banks and trade offices) in downtown Manhattan, all of which have extensive security and limited access systems in place. Funding would be used to expand security and law enforcement services to protect historic collections and other resources housed at Federal Hall itself, and to reduce the possibility of Federal Hall being used as a staging area for attacks on nearby sensitive facilities.

Flight 93 National Memorial; Pennsylvania**\$200,000 to Provide Initial Operational and Technical Assistance for New Area.**

Funding is requested for initial NPS technical and operational assistance associated with the establishment of the newly designated Flight 93 National Memorial. The crash site of United Flight 93, downed by on-board efforts to combat a terrorist-led hijacking of the plane on September 11, 2001, is located in Somerset County, PA. Funding would be used to provide planning and program assistance to the Flight 93 Federal Commission, the local Flight 93 Task Force, and other parties in carrying-out the public process associated with the planning, design, construction and management of the Flight 93 National Memorial.

Fort Donelson National Battlefield; Tennessee**\$175,000 to Enhance Maintenance of Cultural Resources and Historic Buildings**

Funding is requested to expand preservation maintenance of significant historic resources. The park contains four historic buildings, 5,676 feet of historic stone walls, stone culverts, two and one-half miles of historic earthworks, and 14 cannon carriages. Visitation has increased due to the park's 2002 Underground Railroad site designation and the proximity to major metropolitan areas and has increased wear and tear on park facilities. When a four-lane highway leading to the park's location in Dover is completed, additional stress will be created. This funding would allow the park to perform preventive maintenance on the historic buildings and rehabilitate 400-500 feet of stone walls and 2,680 feet of earthworks each year. Important historic fabric would be preserved through the implementation of a comprehensive preventive maintenance program, providing visitors with a safer and more enjoyable experience.

Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine; Maryland**\$90,000 to Enhance Protection and Maintenance of Park Resources**

Funding is requested to provide additional protection for park resources and visitors. Due to the park's relatively secure location, it is used for Presidential and other VIP visits to Baltimore. In addition, the park is recognized as the "birthplace of the National Anthem" and the Star-Spangled Banner. Funding will be used to expand law enforcement patrols, provide the interagency coordination necessary for frequent VIP visits, and provide law enforcement and emergency services during special events. Funding would also be used to provide preventive and routine maintenance.

Gateway National Recreation Area; New Jersey**\$81,000 to Maintain Sandy Hook Beach Facilities**

Requested funding would be used to provide beach center maintenance and visitor services. Recently developed and opened beach center facilities at six beach locations in the Sandy Hook Unit have drawn substantially increased visitation to the unit. Funding would insure the health and safety of park visitors and provide appropriate levels of maintenance and life guard and emergency medical services at the six locations.

George Washington Memorial Parkway; Maryland and Virginia**\$325,000 to Eliminate Backlog of Daily Maintenance Work**

Funding is requested to maintain and repair roads, buildings and utility systems along the Parkway. Due to a growing workload, a backlog of repair needs has arisen. This increase will enable the park to proactively attend to needed repairs. This request will allow for the maintenance of 137 buildings, 121 miles of roads, 43 road bridges, as well as utility systems, retaining walls, monuments and fortifications. Reducing the deterioration of park resources will also attend to the safety of visitors using, and recreating along, the Parkway.

Glacier Bay National Park & Preserve; Alaska**\$265,000 to Provide Preventive Maintenance Program**

Funding is requested to monitor groundwater, maintain sewer plants and manage vapor extraction plants at contaminated soil sites. Groundwater monitoring wells and vapor extraction systems would be maintained, tested, and recorded, as mandated by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC). In addition, complex fuel spill prevention equipment at the fuel tank farm would be maintained according to ADEC requirements. More importantly, once underway, the program would improve the health and safety of park visitors and employees.

Glacier National Park, Montana**\$500,000 to Allow Early Opening and Maintenance of the Going-to-the Sun Road**

Funding is requested to extend the use of the Going-to-the-Sun Road by targeting an earlier spring opening. The visiting public and area communities have demonstrated an interest in earlier access to the park as provided by the opening of this important cross-park road. Funding would provide for an earlier initiation of snow plowing operations along with all requisite avalanche prevention, road maintenance and visitor services necessary to achieve an earlier opening of the road.

Governor's Island National Monument; New York**\$1,100,000 to Operate and Maintain New Area at Governor's Island**

Funding is requested to establish and operate facilities and services at Governor's Island. Created in 2001, the NPS is currently establishing a working presence on the island. Currently, the NPS is initiating a General Management Plan process, establishing community outreach to island partners, and coordinating initial ferry service for NPS and Governors Island Preservation and Education Corporation staff (GIPEC) – GIPEC is currently providing utilities, telecommunications systems, groundskeeping, garbage removal, pest and animal control, and fire protection for the new unit. In time, working partnerships with the City and State of New York, will be established to achieve park and island goals. This request would provide NPS leadership and operations at this new unit, and reimburse GIPEC for their maintenance services on the 20-acres site.

Grand Teton National Park; Wyoming**\$300,000 to Implement Winter Use Plan**

Funding is requested to expand winter operations. Congressional and public interest is high for the successful implementation of the Record of Decision pertaining to the Winter Use Plan for Grand Teton National Park. Funding would be used for initial implementation of the plan. Augmented winter use includes expanding snow removal operations and grooming of trails, expanded interpretive offerings and providing visitor and resource protection. This request would enhance the visitor experience while ensuring preservation of the resources and visitor safety.

Great Smoky Mountains National Park; North Carolina and Tennessee**\$200,000 to Maintain Historic Structures**

Funding is requested to maintain historic structures. The park's staff and resources are unable to keep up with the labor-intensive maintenance needs of 77 pioneer log cabins, gristmills, and over 100 historic structures. Funding would be used to enhance the preventive maintenance program for these structures to prevent the loss of irreplaceable fabric and the very essence of the park and nation's history. The result will be the conservation of historic resources and prolonged visitor enjoyment.

Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument; Idaho**\$170,000 to Establish Comprehensive Maintenance Program at Developing Park**

Funding is requested for the establishment of a comprehensive maintenance program for buildings, overlooks, roadways, trails and signs. The park's increase in visitation and establishment of related facilities has generated a backlog of maintenance. This increase would provide maintenance services for 54 acres of land with 10 buildings eligible for the List of Classified Structures as well as portable restrooms and wayside exhibits. In addition, 14 miles of perimeter fences would be repaired to prevent damage to paleo/archeological sites by livestock trespassing. As a result, threatened resources would be protected and visitor satisfaction would be increased.

Haleakala National Park; Hawaii**\$145,000 to Provide Law Enforcement Services Commensurate with Visitation**

Funding is requested to raise law enforcement services to levels proportional with current visitation. Since 1995 the park has had an 5% average growth in annual visitation without program increases necessary to sustain appropriate resource and visitor protection service levels. Funding would provide increased law enforcement patrols and emergency services. Such increases will augment resource protection, as well as visitor satisfaction and safety.



Haleakala National Park

Horseshoe Bend National Military Park; Alabama**\$190,000 to Provide Critical Resource Protection and Maintenance**

Funding is requested to upgrade maintenance services. Increased costs of utilities and supplies have diminished the ability of the park to maintain park resources and address new administrative requirements of maintenance programs. Funding would be used to provide professional management of the park's maintenance operations. Planning and program management will enhance long term resource protection, facility maintenance and public safety.

Jefferson National Expansion Memorial; Missouri**\$105,000 to Provide Additional Law Enforcement and Security**

Funding is requested to continue implementation of heightened security measures aimed at ensuring visitor safety and protect resources. This funding would increase the physical presence of commissioned law enforcement staff to better provide protection for the site. Additional pre-screening measures are also needed, based on the levels recommended by the Department of the Interior and a contracted Vulnerability Assessment. Funding would be used to expand patrol and screening operations to more effectively protect visitors and park resources.

Katmai National Park & Preserve and Aniakchak NM & Preserve; Alaska**\$139,000 to Provide Law Enforcement and Maintenance at Aniakchak NM**

Funding is requested to improve law enforcement coverage for Aniakchak National Monument. Currently, patrols at Aniakchak are provided by staff from Katmai National Park, thus reducing coverage for Katmai at critical times of the year. The abundant natural resources at Aniakchak are subject to significant and sometimes conflicting pressures due to subsistence activities and sport and commercial hunting and fishing activities. Funding would provide regular patrol coverage as well as enable the NPS to reach out to the local communities to promote the NPS mission and foster preventive resource protection cooperation. Funding would also provide aviation and boating support that would further support increased preventive maintenance and general park operations.



Kenai Fjords National Park

Kenai Fjords National Park; Alaska

\$313,000 to Preserve Natural and Cultural Resources

Funding is requested to document existing resource conditions and to establish a long-term resource monitoring program in the park. The varied and rich resource populations of the park, including brown bears, peregrine falcons, and bald eagles; and the prehistoric and historic cultural sites of the park are currently at risk because of human-induced and natural disturbance events. In 1997, 42,000 acres of coastal lands within the park boundary were conveyed to a native corporation per the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. Current development plans for this land could have adverse effects on park resources. The

funding would be used to establish a long-term natural and cultural resources monitoring program; this would ensure that resources at risk are monitored regularly, and would provide scientifically valid resource data on which to base management decisions. Funding would also be used to provide preventive and routine maintenance.

Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park; Alaska

\$90,000 to Expand Museum Collection Care-Rapuzzi Historic Collection

Funding is requested to expand Museum Collection services at Klondike Gold Rush NHP in response to NPS acquisition of the Rapuzzi Collection, one of the last major Historic Gold Rush Collections still intact. The collection, whose acquisition is anticipated in 2003, includes 450,000 unique Gold Rush and Skagway historical materials and four historic buildings currently housing the objects. Two of the buildings will be rehabilitated for NPS administrative use and two will be stabilized for interpretive use. Funding will be used to expand the park's capacity to analyze, catalog and conserve of the park's collection, assist interpretive staff with exhibit development, and provide historic research assistance. Funding would also be used to provide preventive and routine maintenance for the buildings.

Lincoln Home National Historic Site; Illinois

\$300,000 to Establish a Preservation Maintenance Program

Funding is requested to establish a comprehensive preservation maintenance program to prevent the deterioration of historic buildings. These structures are impacted by the elements, creating persistent problems such as rotting wood siding and trim, failing paint, leaking roofs, and deteriorating masonry. Until recently, most of these buildings were not occupied, utilities were not provided, and virtually no preventive maintenance was performed. This request would preserve 12 recently restored Lincoln-era historic structures, one recently rehabilitated contemporary Visitor Center, and a number of other historic and non-historic buildings. The improved appearance would contribute to the enjoyment and satisfaction of the park's 400,000 annual visitors. Failure to fund these needs would result in further decline of resources and continued degradation of the park's appearance.

Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park, Texas

\$188,000 to Provide Resource Protection at Texas White House

Funding is requested to provide resource protection and physical security for the Texas White House Complex. While security and care of the property is currently being primarily provided by the U. S. Secret Service, this funding would be used to enhance perimeter security for 12 acres and the preservation of 15,000 square feet of historic structures. Funding will also provide for physical security, fire protection, interior and exterior resource preservation, utilities and operational costs.

Mississippi National River & Recreation Area; Minnesota**\$95,000 to Lease Space in the Science Museum of Minnesota**

Funding is requested for leasing space under long-term cooperative and lease agreements for the Mississippi River National Center, the first and primary visitor facility for the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area (MISS). NPS is currently occupying and paying for the space under temporary agreements, pending finalization of the GSA negotiated lease. Housed in St. Paul, Minnesota's new Science Museum of Minnesota, the Center will offer comprehensive trip planning not only in the MISS and the Mississippi River corridor but also for all 388 units of the National Park System. This funding will provide for the leasing of space for the Center and associated facility maintenance functions.

Mount Rainier National Park; Washington**\$160,000 to Maintain Historic Resources**

Funding is requested to protect park resources. Many rustic park buildings, sensitively designed park villages, and scenic roads are deteriorating due to deferred maintenance, heavy use, and exposure to harsh weather. Funding would enable the park to improve maintenance and preservation of 158 historic structures. Quality preservation work would lengthen building life, eliminate safety threats and ensure compliance with current building codes. Preservation specialists would stabilize, restore, and maintain over 158 historic structures in both the frontcountry and the backcountry of the park. This request would sustain visitor satisfaction and safety, while continuing preservation of the park's historic fabric.

National Capital Parks-East; District of Columbia**\$184,000 to Provide Maintenance/Operational Support - USPP Facilities.**

Funding is requested to provide operational and preventive maintenance support for U.S. Park Police facilities located in the park. A number of U.S. Park Police facilities were recently renovated (Anacostia Operations Facility), resulting in additional occupied office space. Funding will provide contracted janitorial services and supplies. Funding will also be used to provide on-site support to ensure that electrical, plumbing, heating and air conditioning equipment will be properly maintained. Facilities will be maintained for employee and visitor accessibility in a safe, clean and comfortable environment.

\$300,000 to Contract to Supplement Road Maintenance Program

Funding is requested to improve the road maintenance program. The park consists of 79 miles of paved roadway, 22 miles of unpaved roadway, 11 miles of paved trails, 52 miles of unpaved trails, 25 road bridges, and 21 trail bridges. Also included within the area is the Suitland Parkway, the road utilized by the President when travelling to the Andrews Air Force Base. Due to heavy traffic volume, these roads are rapidly deteriorating. This request would allow for repairs to potholes, storm drains and wing walls, which are not covered under Federal Highway funding. An increase in funds would improve safety by minimizing opportunities for accidents and commuting delays due to poor road conditions and would help prevent future deferred maintenance.

New River Gorge National River; West Virginia**\$225,000 to Operate and Maintain New Sandstone Visitor Center**

Funding is requested to provide initial staffing to operate and maintain the newly constructed Sandstone Visitor Center, which will be opened in May 2003. The Sandstone Visitor Center is being constructed to provide year-round visitor and education facilities for the half million visitors each year that travel through the south end of the park. Funds will provide operational services including information/education, utilities and routine and preventive maintenance.

Nicodemus National Historic Site; Kansas**\$96,000 to Operate and Maintain Facilities at New Park**

Funding is requested to meet growing facility maintenance and interpretive service needs for this developing site. Maintenance needs are increasing as the park acquires more responsibility for park facilities, including the Township Hall, AME Church, and surrounding grounds. The park operates only during the summer months providing minimal visitor access and services. Funding would be used to expand facility and ground maintenance support. Funding would also be used to provide guided tours, orientation and other interpretive services seven days a week from June through August, and extend the season to weekdays in the spring and fall. This proposal would also allow for operation of a temporary visitor center.



Nicodemus National Historic Site

North Cascades National Park; Washington (Border Park)**\$350,000 to Strengthen Visitor Protection and Law Enforcement Program**

Funding is requested to enhance law enforcement operations. The North Cascades complex has seen a significant increase in law enforcement activity. Much of this is associated with illegal drug and alien smuggling across the remote 30-mile border the park shares with Canada. Funding would be used to increase law enforcement patrols, surveillance, investigations, and coordination with other agencies. Funding would be used to provide appropriate levels of backup, training, equipment, and dispatch coverage on a year round basis to improve officer safety.

Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument; Arizona (Border Park)**\$900,000 to Protect Park Resources and Visitors Along International Border**

Funding is requested to increase visitor and resource protection security along the 30-mile boundary with Mexico. Data show that the amount of illegal cross border traffic, including drug smugglers and undocumented aliens, has increased exponentially since 1995 and is a danger to park visitors and staff. This increasingly porous segment of the international boundary represents a serious threat to national security. Funds would provide for a 24-hour protection program, augmentation of wilderness patrols, maintenance of vehicle barriers and liaison with the U.S. Border Patrol. Funds would provide staff and helicopter hours to patrol and monitor activity in the inaccessible portions of the 330,000-acre park, including the international border. This request would strengthen the integrity of the border and would increase protection of visitors, wilderness and the Sonoran Desert ecosystem along the boundary.

Padre Island National Seashore; Texas (Border Park)**\$300,000 to Increase Border Security and Visitor Protection/Counter Terrorism**

Funding is requested to increase national security and visitor and employee safety along our boundary, which is adjacent to the Mexican border and the International border in the Gulf of Mexico. Each year thousands of undocumented aliens (UDA's) and hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of drugs are smuggled into the United States through Padre Island National Seashore. These activities place staff, visitors and UDA's at high risk. Remoteness and beach driving conditions make backup response extremely slow. Since the events of September 11, the park has seen an increase in smuggling of people and drugs via boats. Funds would be used to increase patrol and communications capability, collaborate with other federal and state agencies to detect and apprehend smugglers and terrorists, and provide backup coverage along 70 miles of international boundary. This expanded law enforcement presence would result in increased visitor and employee safety.

Palo Alto Battlefield National Historic Site; Texas (Border Park)**\$100,000 to Protect New Facilities and Lands**

Funding is requested to expand park law enforcement operations. The park headquarters and interim visitor center is located approximately 3 miles from two major points of entry with Mexico. Debris and other indicators found in the park support undocumented alien activity. An increase in illegal border traffic, heightened national security/anti-terrorism measures along the border, undocumented alien activity in the park, and the construction of new visitor facilities indicate the need for increased law enforcement capacity. Funding would increase law enforcement coverage for the site.

Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial; Ohio**\$156,000 to Operate and Maintain New Visitor Center**

Funding is requested to expand maintenance and visitor services for the visitor center. Operational requirements for the site have grown following the opening of a visitor center for the site in 2002. In addition, numerous promotional efforts by the Village of Put-in-Bay have also caused visitation at the park to increase in recent years. Funds will provide visitor services, interpretive programming, maintenance and utilities at the new facility.



Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial

President's Park; District of Columbia**\$283,000 to Eliminate Backlog of Daily Maintenance Work**

Funding is requested to maintain heavily used visitor facilities at an adequate level to prevent deterioration. Over one million visitors come through the park annually. At present, the park is often forced to inconvenience visitors with the closure of restroom facilities. Requested funding would provide timely maintenance of park facilities, restrooms and six historic fountains. This request would enable the park's maintenance efforts to be proactive rather than reactive, emergency responses, enhancing facility maintenance and visitor satisfaction.

Ronald Reagan Boyhood Home National Historic Site; Illinois**\$83,000 to Provide Start-up Funds for New Area**

Funding is requested for initial site management at this newly designated site. Funding would provide for basic start-up operations to include a site manager to focus on the development of the site. This will include setting up agreements with the Ronald Reagan Boyhood Home Foundation regarding operation of the site.

Saint Croix Island International Historic Site; Maine**\$143,000 to Maintain New Facilities**

Funding is requested to maintain historic buildings acquired in 1999 and 2000. The site's 400th anniversary will take place in 2004 and funding would enable timely maintenance of new facilities and exhibit displays. These maintenance efforts will ensure visitor satisfaction and education at the quadricentennial and will help avoid future deferred maintenance.

Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area; California**\$500,000 to Expand Resource Education Programs - Phase I**

Funding is requested to enhance environmental education. The park presently has a two-year waiting list for its Environmental and Cultural Education Programs. Funding would expand five education programs currently being offered by the park, create community outreach programs each month that target under represented communities, and provide transportation services to on-site programs. This request would increase the number of students reached by the programs, improve the coordination of scheduling and logistics for the programs, and accelerate maintenance of educational facilities. These programs will

strengthen environmental awareness among young Americans and build constituency among underserved populations.

Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site; Missouri

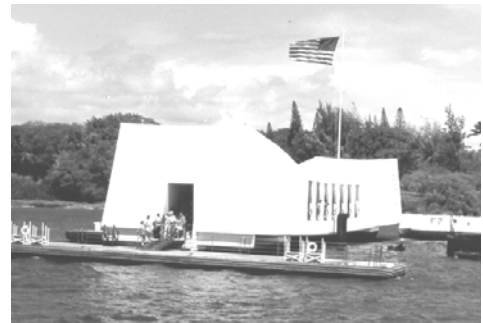
\$225,000 to Provide Operations for New Facilities

Funding is requested to provide law enforcement operations and enhanced maintenance and interpretive programs for the park's four recently restored historic structures: the Presidential Home, Summer Kitchen, Ice House and Chicken House. Funding will allow for patrols of the facilities and surrounding grounds and allow for daily cleaning and routine maintenance of the facilities to ensure that the investment in the resources is protected. The full interpretive story of the park would be available on a daily basis for the first time since the park was established in October 1989. Currently there are only limited tours of the Main House. This increase will provide daily interpretive programs at all four structures which will increase visitor understanding and satisfaction.

USS Arizona Memorial; Hawaii

\$350,000 to Provide Increased Security and Anti-Terrorism Protection (Phase 1)

Funding is requested to meet the US Navy's mandated and specific security measures, such as on-site NPS law enforcement personnel and baggage control points, for the protection and continued operations of the USS Arizona Memorial. The Memorial is identified by the Department of the Interior as a nationally significant icon. Funding would provide the security protection required by the US Navy and provide visitor and resource protection needed for a safe visitor experience.



USS Arizona Memorial

War in the Pacific National Historical Park; Guam

\$120,000 to Meet Maintenance Requirements for War Memorials

Funding is requested to meet the maintenance needs of 200 acres of landscaping. As a part of the 50th anniversary of the battles on Guam several new memorials, along with extensive formal landscaping, were dedicated. Due to a tropical environment, vegetation grows rapidly and requires frequent trimming to retain a formal appearance. The frequent maintenance cycle, combined with increasing visitation, has created a workload that exceeds the current capabilities of the park. Funding would ensure weekly maintenance of all 200 acres of formal landscaping.

Wind Cave National Park; South Dakota

\$230,000 to Improve Condition of Natural and Cultural Resource Infrastructure

Funding is requested to improve the condition of wildlife management facilities and historic structures. These facilities are subject to extreme weather conditions and heavy wear and tear from bison, elk, and other large mammals. The park's 29 historic structures are approximately 70 years old and require frequent maintenance and repair. The handling facility has deteriorated to the point that it is unsafe for the animals and for the staff processing the wildlife. Wind Cave animals that come into contact with private herds may be exposed to brucellosis and chronic wasting disease that have been detected in neighboring private herds. Diseased animals that get inside park boundaries could infect the park's wildlife population. Funding would provide regular maintenance to the natural resources infrastructure, including 48 miles of wildlife fence, 11 remote watering facilities, and the wildlife handling facility. This maintenance is critical to the safety of park visitors, employees and wildlife and will help avoid deferred maintenance.

Yellowstone National Park; Idaho, Montana and Wyoming**\$500,000 to Enhance Winter Operations to Improve Visitor Safety and Experiences**

Funding is requested to expand the range of winter use facilities and services, including improved road grooming, trail and boardwalk maintenance, educational programs and recreational experiences. The increase would also ensure adequate protection of park visitors and resources. With an ever-increasing winter visitation, park operations have been unable to provide services such as snow removal, interpretive programs, and resource and visitor protection coverage. Funding would provide needed clearing and grooming of trails, boardwalks and roads, increased avalanche control, improved response times to medical emergencies, increased ranger patrols, and expanded visitor information and education services.



Above: Jefferson National Expansion Memorial

*Top Right: Cuyahoga National Park
Right: Gettysburg NMP*

